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Subject: RE: send me a summary of what you know of the situation in arkema
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At 0319 (CDT), the National Response Center received a report from Arkema concerning an explosion at their facility due to a loss of power at approximately 0245 on August 31, 2017. The facility and surrounding area had previously been evacuated. At the time of the release, Arkema believes the fire to be burning off any materials being released.

An EPA OSC has been dispatched to the incident. ASPECT will fly the area to determine what materials may be releasing from the incident.

Arkema has employed an environmental company to conduct air monitoring. Harris County Pollution Control Board is currently conducting air monitoring offsite. The Harris County Hazmat Team, under the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office is on scene, as well as other local entities, such as the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Up to 9-10 first responders may have driven through the plume from the facility fire, and have transported to a local medical facility to be assessed. It is reported most of them self-reported to the medical facility.

The facility did have a current Tier II form under EPCRA 312 filed with the LEPC and State of Texas (TCEQ) on March 1, 2017. The facility also has filed a TRI report under Section 313 of EPCRA.

The facility also has an RMP filed with EPA, submitted on 11-Jun-2014.

The facility is also subject to the provisions of the CFATS program, administered by DHS. The DHS official at the RRCC confirmed they have not issued an emergency order to the facility, and would probably not do so at this point.

The facility does have a Air Permit (appears to be a major source). Also has a RCRA permit.

They would also be subject to various OSHA standards (HAZCOM, PSM) as well as DOT transportation regulations.

The state would also regulate them for air, RCRA, and other environmental regulations.

With Regards, Steve



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